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“The Jury” Wows Nairobi Audiences with Election Message

PAS Nairobi sponsored a production of the American theater classic “Twelve Angry Men” adapted to a local setting as “The Jury” to reinforce the Embassy’s message for Kenya to hold peaceful elections in March. The *Saturday Nation* newspaper called the play one “you must watch to get to grips with [Kenyan] politics.” The play’s themes of consensus-building, the importance of the rule of law, and the value of diverse points of view are relevant as Kenya implements its new Constitution and prepares to hold national elections next month. The *Saturday Nation* noted the play “highlights how hard it is for losers to accept defeat,” which will be key to ensuring a peaceful election. CAO Raymond Stephens introduced the play opening night and hosted a special matinee performance for invited university students, who discussed with the director following the show the themes of civil discourse and the need for honest assessment of the facts rather than decisions made based on racial and ethnic prejudice.



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